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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2004, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Request, claims 1-4 and 7-11 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims define patentable subject matter.

Claims 1-3 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silverbrook (U.S. Patent No. 6,476,863) in view of Cullen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,781,665; hereafter "Cullen") and Oka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,867,738; hereafter "Oka"). Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silverbrook in view of Cullen, Oka and McIntyre (U.S. Patent No. 6,191,815). Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as